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1. It was proposed at a meeting of the political committee of the DDR CDU to found a publishing company the purpose of which would be to publish a general Christian weekly to appear on either a Friday or a Saturday. It would have a usual newspaper format, five columns, 12 pages, with the title page printed in blue. It would be published in either Berlin or Leipzig and could be bought at any newsstand for 30 DM. A monthly subscription would cost 1.20 DM including delivery charges. The first printing would call for 30,000 copies.
2. The attempt is to be made in publishing a general Christian weekly to reach persons who are interested, over and above the reports of the daily press, in the discussion of basic questions and individual problems and who, therefore, prefer more fundamental discussions of the news.
3. The purpose of this weekly would be as follows:
 - a. To discuss the Christian's attitude towards the social and economic development of the present time.
 - b. To report on the situation of the churches in the DDR, in the USSR, and in the People's Democracies
 - c. To discuss theological problems. In connection with this the discussion of the Meissen Theses could be further developed by the weekly.
 - d. To publish reports from the church news service, church news, and also official church news.
 - e. To present a weekly political commentary.
 - f. To present a Christian Sunday meditation.
 - g. To present a general cultural-political observation.
 - h. To give short commentaries.

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- i. To contain a progressive and Christian literary supplement consisting of a serialized novel, a short story, and poetry.
4. The following names, among others, are suggested for the weekly:
 - a. Heute und Morgen
 - b. Christ und Zeit
 - c. Der Christ in der Zeit
5. The official editorial board is to consist of (fnu) Leisner and (fnu) Döckerlin.
6. The publishing company would form an advisory editorial board which would contain the following persons:

Reverend (fnu) Fischer

Professor (fnu) Leipold

Dr. (fnu) Wiedemann

Jahn, (from Eibau)

Dr. Gerhard Desczyk

Reverend (fnu) Kehnscherper

Professor (fnu) Fuchs

(fnu) Hertzsch

Reverend Dr. (fnu) Herz
7. The following persons are suggested as permanent contributors:

(fnu) Nagsch

(fnu) Naundorf

Dr. (fnu) Karisch

(fnu) Bredendieck

O. H. Fuchs

(fnu) Wirth¹
8. In addition, the members of the advisory editorial board, the members of the Scientific Working Circle (Wissenschaftlicher Arbeitskreis), the members of the CDU section for church questions, and prominent Christian personalities from home and abroad who are not CDU members shall be called on to contribute to the weekly.

Comment. Presumably former Chancellor Dr. Joseph Wirth.

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